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KWANG MYENG CHU

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Mr. GOSSETT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 580]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 580) for the relief of Kwangnyeng Chu, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Kwang Myeng Chu shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill for the relief of Kwang Myeng Chu.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to a native and citizen of Korea, a nurse, employed by the Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, N. J. The bill also provides for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax and for the appropriate quota deduction.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter, dated April 18, 1951, from the Deputy Attorney General to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, which letter reads as follows:

APRIL 18, 1951.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,

*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 580) for the relief of Miss Kwang Myeng Chu, an alien.

The bill would provide that Miss Kwangnyeng Chu shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, upon payment of the required head tax and visa fee. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate immigration quota. It appears from the record that the alien writes her name Kwang Myeng Chu instead of Kwangnyeng Chu as indicated in the bill.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Miss Kwang Myeng Chu is a native and citizen of Korea, having been born in Pyongyang, Korea, on November 26, 1895. She entered the United States at the port of Seattle on November 3, 1949, when she was admitted as a visitor under section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924, until January 13, 1950. She was granted extensions of her temporary stay until November 1, 1950. After completing her preliminary education in Seoul, Korea, she attended college at Nagasaki, Japan, completed 2 years at the medical college in Pyongyang and a 2-year massage course in Tokyo, Japan. She was associated for 7 years with Dr. Rosetta Sherwood Hall, who was a medical missionary in Korea for over 40 years. The alien came to this country to visit with Dr. Hall at Ocean Grove, N. J. The record indicates that Miss Chu was engaged in medical work in the Women's Hospital in Pyongyang for 6 years and was connected with the tuberculosis sanitarium in Hajui, Korea, for 1 year. She is presently employed as a nurse's aid in the Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Neptune, N. J., for which she receives \$80 per month plus one meal per working day. Miss Chu stated that she left her birthplace in Korea in 1947 when the Communists took control of North Korea. She advised that she has not heard from her brother in Seoul since the war in Korea started. According to Dr. Hall, the alien taught in her mission school for girls in Korea and later in the Pyongyang Bible School.

The alien is racially ineligible for citizenship under section 303 of the Nationality Act of 1940, and therefore is inadmissible to the United States for permanent residence under section 13 (c) of the Immigration Act of 1924. The record fails, however, to present considerations of sufficient merit to justify the enactment of special legislation granting her a preference over other Koreans who desire to enter the United States for permanent residence.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of this bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD, *Deputy Attorney General.*

Mr. Auchincloss, the author of this legislation, urged the enactment of his bill and submitted the following letters recommending the beneficiary of H. R. 580:

MONMOUTH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,
Long Branch, N. J., May 11, 1951.

Congressman JAMES C. AUCHINCLOSS,
*Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. AUCHINCLOSS: This is to certify that Miss Kwang Myeng Chu was employed by this hospital on May 4, 1951, as a nurses' aid. Miss Chu has been assigned to night duty and as you probably know, we are experiencing a personnel shortage in this institution and Miss Chu's employment was very timely and has enabled us to carry on our work here. Miss Chu has adapted herself to the position which we offered her and at this early date we would hate to see her relieved of her present duties.

I feel that Miss Chu is now self-supporting and I believe that she will not need any help from the Government if she is allowed to remain in this country.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. ALLEN, *Administrator.*

FITKIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,
Neptune, N. J., May 28, 1951.

Re Kwang Myeng Chu.

Hon. JAMES C. AUCHINCLOSS,
Congressman New Jersey Third District,
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I have been requested to write to you in reference to Miss Chu, who was formerly an employee of this hospital. Miss Chu worked at Fitkin Memorial Hospital from March 9, 1950, to December 9, 1950, as a nurses' aid. During her stay here, to the best of my knowledge her work was satisfactory.

Rev. Harrison Decker, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Ocean Grove, N. J., is interested in the welfare of this young lady, and I have been informed that she is entirely self-supporting, presently being employed at the Monmouth Memorial Hospital in Long Branch, N. J.

Thank you for your consideration in the extension of the visa for Miss Chu.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID V. CARTER, *Administrator.*

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, and in view of the fact that similar legislation has been enacted by the Congress on numerous occasions, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 580, as amended, should be enacted and it accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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THINK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 Naples, N. J., May 22, 1901.

Mr. Henry Myron Chu,

Hon. James C. Buchanan,

Congressman, New York, Third District,
 House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I have been requested to write to you in reference to Miss Chu, who was formerly an employee of this hospital, after she worked at this Memorial Hospital from March 2, 1900, to December 2, 1900, as a nurse and having been my helper in the loss of my knowledge her work was satisfactory. Rev. Harrison Brown, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Ocean Grove, N. J., is interested in the welfare of this young lady, and I have been informed that he is actively and sympathetically being employed at the Memorial Hospital in Ocean Grove, N. J.

Thank you for your consideration in the extension of the visa for Miss Chu.

Very truly,
 David A. Brown, M.D., President.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, and in view of the fact that similar legislation has been enacted by the Congress on numerous occasions, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 280, as amended, should be enacted and is accordingly recommending that the bill do pass.

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